

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Held on Wednesday, 19 April 2000, immediately following the Closed Session,
in Room GM 407-1, SGW Campus

Attendance

Present: Mrs. Lillian Vineberg, *Chair*, Dr. Steven Appelbaum, Ms. Barbara Barclay, Ms. Joanne Beaudoin, Mr. Deepak Boojhawon, Dr. William Byers, Mr. Alex Carpini, Mr. Charles Cavell, Dr. June Chaikelson, Me Rita de Santis, Mrs. Marianne Donaldson, Dr. Leonard Ellen, Dr. Terrill Fancott, Ms. Nicole Fauré, Mr. Rob Green, Mr. George Hanna, Mr. Peter Howlett, Dr. Christine Jourdan, Ms. Christine Lengvari, Dr. Frederick Lowy, *Rector and Vice-Chancellor*, Mrs. Hazel Mah, Sister Eileen McIlwaine Ph.D., Mr. John Parisella, *Vice-Chair*, Mr. Chris Piché, Mr. Richard Renaud, *Vice-Chair*, Mrs. Miriam Roland, Dr. Elizabeth Saccá, Mrs. Marianna Simeone, Ms. Sabrina Stea, Mr. Jonathan Wener

Officers of the University: Prof. Marcel Danis, Mr. Michael Di Grappa, Mr. Larry English, Dr. Jack Lightstone

Observer: Me Pierre Frégeau

Absent: Dr. Francesco Bellini, Mr. Alain Benedetti, Mr. Leo Goldfarb, Mr. Ned Goodman, Mr. Paul Ivanier, Mr. Martin Kapustianyk, Mr. Paul Kefalas, Mr. Ronald Lawless, Mr. Jacques Ménard, Mr. Eric Molson, *Chancellor*

Guest: Mr. Ernest Haigh, *Benefits Officer, Human Resources*

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES

BG-2000-4-D13	Proposed candidate profile for the Vice-Rector, Institutional Relations, and Secretary-General
BG-2000-4-D14	Recommendation from Senate regarding the administrative fee
BG-2000-4-D15	Letter from Dean of Students Donald Boisvert regarding recreation and athletics fees
BG-2000-4-D16	Letter from Dean of Students Donald Boisvert regarding fees approved by referendum of Concordia Student Union members
BG-2000-4-D17	Letter from Dean of Students Donald Boisvert regarding fees approved by referendum of Commerce and Administration Students' Association members
BG-2000-4-D18	Excerpt from the Minutes of the Employee Benefits Committee regarding the addition of a new optional form of pension
BG-2000-4-D19	Excerpt from the Minutes of the Employee Benefits Committee regarding a change in final average earnings
BG-2000-4-D20	Excerpt from the Minutes of the Employee Benefits Committee regarding a change in the Pension Plan valuation assumptions

1. Call to Order

The Open Session was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

1.1 Chair's remarks

Chair Lillian Vineberg reported that, in the Closed Session, a long-term space plan had been adopted which re-affirmed the University's commitment to its two-campus operation.

Mrs. Vineberg also congratulated Mr. Green on his re-election as President of the Concordia Student Union.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

1.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of the previous meeting (15 March 2000)

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Howlett, Piché), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2000-27 *THAT the Minutes of the Open Session of the previous regular meeting of the Board, held on 15 March 2000, be approved.*

2. Business arising from the Minutes

At the March 2000 meeting of the Board, it was resolved that the Chief Financial Officer should meet with the student associations to discuss some recent problems. Mrs. Vineberg asked Mr. English to report.

Chief Financial Officer Larry English told the Board that a very constructive meeting, involving representatives of most major student associations, was held on 27 March. Mr. English reported that there was a mutual commitment by all parties to improve communication. The Financial Services Department would provide training and information on financial management to students associations annually, and create a WEB page to consolidate that information. Mr. English told the Board that controls on management of student and student association accounts would also be strengthened.

Mr. Green agreed the meeting had been very positive.

3. Ratification of a new member of the Advisory Search Committee for a Vice-Rector, Institutional Relations, and Secretary-General

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lowy, Renaud), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2000-28 *THAT the Board of Governors ratify the appointment of Dr. George Vatistas, nominated by the faculty members of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, to the Advisory Search Committee for a Vice-Rector, Institutional Relations, and Secretary-General.*

4. Approval of the “ideal candidate” profile for a Vice-Rector, Institutional Relations, and Secretary-General

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lowy, Beaudoin), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2000-29 *THAT the “ideal candidate” profile for a Vice-Rector, Institutional Relations, and Secretary-General, detailed in Board Document BG-2000-4-D13, be approved.*

5. Recommendation of Senate: Approval to defer implementation of the planned increase in the administrative fee

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lowy, Green), it was CARRIED with one opposed:

R2000-30 *WHEREAS, in January and February 2000, the Vice-Rector, Services, Charles Emond, negotiated on behalf of the University administration with the Concordia Student Union (CSU), about a number of issues on which undergraduate students had expressed concern;*

WHEREAS it was agreed that the senior administration would recommend to Senate and the Board that the planned increase in the administrative fee of \$3.00 per credit, for the budget year 2000-2001, be deferred; and

WHEREAS Senate, at its meeting of 10 March 2000, adopted a motion to endorse the CSU position and to recommend its approval by the Board of Governors;

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the planned increase in the administrative fee of \$3.00 per credit, for the budget year 2000-2001, be deferred.

6. Approval of recreation and athletics fee increase

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lowy, Lengvari), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2000-31 *WHEREAS the Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL) is a non-academic advisory body which is mandated to make recommendations regarding student life and, more particularly, regarding the Student Services budget and fees; and*

WHEREAS, at meetings held on 4 February 2000 and 3 March 2000, the CCSL voted to separate fees for recreation and athletics from the student services fee, and to increase the recreation and athletics fee in each of the next three years;

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT, on the recommendation of the CCSL, the Recreation and Athletics fee be increased from its present level of \$1.93 per credit to \$2.19 per credit in 2000-2001; to \$2.22 per credit in 2001-2002; and to \$2.25 per credit in 2002-2003, to take effect with registrations for the summer term in each of the next three successive years.

7. Concordia Student Union (CSU) fees

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Green, Stea), it was CARRIED with one abstention:

- R2000-32 *WHEREAS, at a referendum held from 28 to 30 March 2000, members of the Concordia Student Union (CSU) voted in favour of paying a fee to support the student broadcast media for a three-year period;*

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect a broadcast media fee of \$0.15 per credit from all undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts & Science and the Faculty of Fine Arts, and Independent students, who are members of the Concordia Student Union, to be implemented with registration for the fall term of 2000 (2000/2) and to be charged in each successive term until, and including, registration for the winter term of 2003 (2002/4), with the understanding that the CSU shall publicize and administer a provision for refund of the full broadcast media fee to students who do not wish to pay it.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Green, Stea), it was CARRIED with one abstention:

- R2000-33 *WHEREAS, at a referendum held from 28 to 30 March 2000, members of the Concordia Student Union (CSU), voted in favour of paying a fee to support operation of "The People's Potato", a soup kitchen run by the Concordia Food Collective, for a one-year period;*

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect a People's Potato fee of \$0.05 per credit from all undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts & Science and the Faculty of Fine Arts, and Independent students, who are members of the Concordia Student Union, to be applied to registration for the fall term of 2000 (2000/2) and to registration for the winter term of 2001 (2000/4), with the understanding that the CSU shall publicize and administer a provision for refund of the fee to students who do not wish to pay it.

8. Commerce and Administration Students' Association (CASA) fees

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Boojhawon, Green), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

- R2000-34 *WHEREAS, at a referendum held on 6 and 7 March 2000, members of the Commerce and Administration Students' Association (CASA) voted in favour of a \$1.00 increase in the Commerce Career Placement Centre fee;*

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect a Commerce Career

Placement Centre fee of \$2.50 per credit from all undergraduate students in the Faculty of Commerce and Administration, to be effective with registration for the summer term of 2000 (2000/1).

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Boojhawon, Piché), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

- R2000-35 *WHEREAS, at a referendum held on 6 and 7 March 2000, members of the Commerce and Administration Students' Association (CASA) voted in favour of paying a fee of \$1.00 per credit to contribute to the maintenance and operation of the R.O. Wills Computer Laboratory;*

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect a R.O. Wills Laboratory fee of \$1.00 per credit from all undergraduate students in the Faculty of Commerce and Administration, for deposit into a special account to be administered by CASA, beginning with registration for the summer term of 2000 (2000/1).

9. Recommendation of the Employee Benefits Committee

In the absence of the Committee Chair, Mr. Lawless, Mr. Carpini reported. He explained that the proposed measures would not exhaust the Pension Fund's excess surplus and therefore, would not threaten the Plan's tax status.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Carpini, Renaud), it was CARRIED with one abstention:

- R2000-36 *WHEREAS, at its meeting of 12 April 2000, the Concordia University Employee Benefits Committee adopted three resolutions affecting the Pension Plan for Concordia Employees, for recommendation to the Board of Governors;*

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT, on the recommendation of the Employee Benefits Committee, the Pension Plan for the Employees of Concordia University be amended as follows:

- (a) The provision for "optional forms of pension" be amended to include a joint and survivor pension option, as set out in Board Document BG-2000-4-D18;*
- (b) The "final average earnings" used in the determination of all benefit entitlements under the Plan be amended as set out in Board Document BG-2000-4-D19; and*
- (c) That, on the recommendation of Wm M. Mercer, the actuary of the Pension Plan, the life expectancy assumptions used in the Actuarial Valuation of the Plan be amended as set out in Board Document BG-2000-4-D20, and that the "GAM-94 Static Table" be adopted as the mortality table to be used from 1 January 2000 onward.*

10. Use of the name "Concordia" by the Concordia Volunteers

Asked whether adoption of the motion would restrict the allocation of future book sale revenues, the Chair answered, "No".

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Barclay, Carpini), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2000-37 *WHEREAS, since 1997, an association of Concordian volunteers made up of faculty, staff, students, retirees, and friends of the University has operated a successful used book sale, from which proceeds have been donated in their entirety to the Campus Ministry for the emergency food voucher program; and*

WHEREAS the organizers wish to use the title, "Concordia University Used Book Fair", to give the event a higher profile in the community;

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Board of Governors authorize use of the name "Concordia" in the title, "Concordia University Used Book Fair".

Mrs. Vineberg asked Ms. Barclay to convey her congratulations to the Book Fair organizers, for the success of their commendable initiative.

11. Report of the Task Force to review the 1994 Rules and Procedures for Advisory Search Committees

Sister Eileen McIlwaine, Chair of the Task Force to review the 1994 Rules and Procedures for Advisory Search Committees, reported that the Task Force report would be presented to the Board in May.

12. Progress report of the Advisory Search Committee for a Vice-Rector, Institutional Relations, and Secretary-General

Dr. Lowy, Chair of the Advisory Search Committee for a Vice-Rector, Institutional Relations, and Secretary-General, reported that the position had been advertised in The Gazette, La Presse, and The Globe and Mail, and on the CAUT (Canadian Association of University Teachers) and AUCC (Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada) WEB sites. Special notice had also been directed to the native community.

Dr. Lowy said the Committee was currently engaged in interviewing Directors reporting to the Vice-Rector.

13. Report of the Standing Committees

13.1 University Advancement Committee (3 April 2000)

Committee Chair Richard Renaud asked to defer the report. The Board Chair agreed.

13.2 Pension Committee (12 April 2000)

On behalf of the Pension Committee, Mr. Carpini said there was nothing to add.

14. Report of the Rector

In light of the late hour, Rector Frederick Lowy waived his report.

15. Reports of the Vice-Rectors

15.1 Provost and Vice-Rector, Research, Jack Lightstone waived his report.

15.2 Vice-Rector, Services, Michael Di Grappa waived his report.

15.3 Vice-Rector, Institutional Relations, and Secretary-General, Marcel Danis waived his report.

15.4 Chief Financial Officer Larry English waived his report.

16. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

17. Any other business

No other business was raised.

18. Date of next meeting

The Chair announced that the next regular meeting of the Board of Governors would be held at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, 17 May 2000, in Room AD 308, on the Loyola Campus.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by Amely Jurgeniemi, Secretary of the Board of Governors and Senate, for approval by the Board at its meeting of 17 May 2000